

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST

CHRISTOPHER G. OKIISHI, M.D., RESPONDENT

File Nos. 02-09-262 & 02-11-348

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
(Combined)**

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Medicine (Board), and Christopher G. Okiishi, M.D., (Respondent), on November 15, 2012, and pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2) and 272C.3(4), enter into this combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

1. Respondent was issued Iowa medical license no. 33257 on December 21, 1999.
2. Respondent's Iowa medical license is active and will next expire on September 1, 2014.
3. The Board has jurisdiction pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 147, 148 and 272C.

COUNT I

4. **Violating the Laws and Rules Governing the Practice of Medicine:** Respondent is charged pursuant to Iowa Code section 148.6(2)(c) and 653 IAC 23.1(10) for violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa.

COUNT II

5. **Unethical or Unprofessional Conduct:** Respondent is charged pursuant to Iowa Code sections 147.55(3) 148.2(g) and 272C.10(3) and 653 IAC 23.1(4) with engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct. Engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the committing by a licensee of an act contrary to honesty, justice or good morals, whether the same is committed in the course of the licensee's practice or otherwise, and whether committed within this state or elsewhere; or a violation of the standards and principles of medical ethics or 653 IAC 13.7 or 13.20 as interpreted by the board.

STATEMENT OF MATTERS ASSERTED

6. Respondent is an Iowa-licensed physician who practices psychiatry in North Liberty.

7. The Board alleges that Respondent violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa and engaged in unethical or unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine including, but not limited to, the following:

A. **Inadequate Medical Records:** Respondent provided psychiatric care to a patient at Respondent's home without maintaining appropriate medical records between 2004 and 2009.

B. **Inappropriate Prescribing - Patient:** Respondent prescribed excessive medications, including Ritalin, to a psychiatric patient, including early refills on multiple occasions between 2007 and 2009. Multiple prescriptions in 2009 contained the wrong DEA number. When contacted by those pharmacies, Respondent instructed the pharmacies to fill the prescriptions even though they had not been authored by him.

- C. **Inappropriate Prescribing – Domestic Partner and Partner’s Daughter:** Respondent prescribed medications, including antibiotics, allergy medications and an anti-depressant to his domestic partner without maintaining appropriate medical records between 2005 and 2009. Respondent prescribed antibiotics to his domestic partner’s daughter without maintaining appropriate medical records in 2006.
- D. **Patient Confidentiality Violations:** Respondent discussed a patient’s psychiatric condition in the presence of Respondent’s domestic partner between 2004 and 2010.
- E. **Inappropriate Loans:** Respondent inappropriately loaned money to a psychiatric patient for his automobile insurance and for gasoline for his automobile.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

8. **CITATION AND WARNING:** Respondent is hereby **CITED** for violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa and engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct. Respondent is hereby **WARNED** that engaging in such conduct in the future may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of his Iowa medical license.

9. **CIVIL PENALTY:** Respondent shall pay a **\$5,000 civil penalty**. The civil penalty shall be paid within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order. The civil penalty shall be payable to the Treasurer of Iowa, shall be mailed to the executive director of the Board and shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

10. **BOARD-APPROVED PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES PROGRAM:** Respondent shall successfully complete the professional boundaries program under the direction of John Hung, Ph.D., Health Psychology Consultants, 7300 France Avenue, Suite 420, Edina,

Minnesota 55435, Ph. # 952-470-4177, within ninety (90) days of the date of this order. If Respondent fails to complete the Board-approved professional boundaries program within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, the Board will issue a notice to Respondent that the license will be suspended within thirty (30) days of the date the notice is served on Respondent. The suspension shall occur automatically and without further Board action, unless Respondent files with the Board a request for hearing on the notice within ten (10) days of the date the notice is served.

11. **BOARD-APPROVED MEDICAL RECORDKEEPING COURSE:** Respondent shall successfully complete a Board-approved medical recordkeeping course within ninety (90) days of the date of this order. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with the course. If Respondent fails to complete the Board-approved course within ninety (90) days of the date of this order, the Board will issue a notice to Respondent that his license will be suspended thirty (30) days from the date the notice is served. The suspension shall occur automatically and without further Board action, unless Respondent files a request for hearing on the notice within ten (10) days of the date the notice is served.

12. **BOARD-APPROVED PRESCRIBING COURSE:** Respondent shall successfully complete a Board-approved prescribing course within ninety (90) days of the date of this order. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with the program. If Respondent fails to complete the Board-approved course within ninety (90) days of the date of this order, the Board will issue a notice to Respondent that his license will be suspended thirty (30) days from the date the notice is served. The suspension shall occur without further Board action, unless Respondent files a request for hearing on the notice within ten (10) days of the date the notice is served.

13. Respondent voluntarily submits this Order to the Board for consideration.

14. This Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case proceeding.

15. By entering into this Order, Respondent voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing on the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges and waives any objections to the terms of this Order.

16. In the event Respondent violates or fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Order, the Board may initiate action to suspend or revoke Respondent's Iowa medical license or to impose other license discipline as authorized in Iowa Code Chapters 148 and 272 and 653 IAC 12.2.

17. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa in the future.

18. Respondent understands that by entering into this combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, Respondent cannot obtain a copy of the investigative file. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(4), a copy of the investigative file may only be provided to a licensee after a Statement of Charges is filed but before the final resolution of those charges.

19. This Order becomes a public record available for inspection and copying upon execution in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 22 and 272C.

20. Respondent understands that the Board is required by Federal law to report this Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

21. This Order is subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

22. The Board's approval of this Order shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Board.

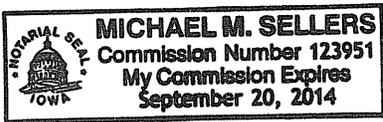


Christopher G. Okiishi, M.D., Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to before me on November 2, 2012.



Notary Public, State of Iowa



This Order is approved by the Board on November 15, 2012.



Colleen K. Stockdale, M.D., M.S., Chairwoman
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